

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 13, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1270

Introduced by Assembly Member Torrico

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 13958.5 to the Government Code, relating to ~~victims~~ *victim's* compensation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1270, as amended, Torrico. ~~Victims~~ *Victim's* compensation: procedure.

Existing law provides that crime victims and derivative victims, as defined, may be awarded compensation by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board from the State Restitution Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, for the pecuniary losses they suffer as a direct result of criminal acts. The board is required to approve or deny applications, based on recommendations of the board staff, within an average of 90 calendar days and no later than 180 calendar days of acceptance by the board or victim center.

This bill would require the board, for purposes of meeting the requirement for the timely processing of applications, to adopt written procedures and timeframes for approving or denying applications and specified procedures for use in communicating with entities when verifying the required information. *The bill would require the approval of the office of the State Chief Information Officer for the expenditure of \$5,000 or more by the board on or after January 1, 2010, with regard to any technology system that is utilized for the review of applications. The bill would also require the board to inform the office State Chief of any proposed changes to the technology systems utilized to review*

applications and would authorize the office to take appropriate action, as necessary, to review and evaluate those proposed changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13958.5 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 13958.5. (a) For purposes of meeting the requirements of
4 Section 13958 for the timely processing of applications, the board
5 shall do both of the following:
6 (a)
7 (1) Adopt written procedures and timeframes for approving or
8 denying ~~application~~ applications.
9 (2) Adopt specified procedures for board staff to use when
10 communicating with entities to verify the information required by
11 this article, including appropriate timeframes for seeking responses
12 and the number of attempts that should be made to achieve a
13 response.
14 (b) *The office of the State Chief Information Officer, in*
15 *accordance with the policies, procedures, and requirements*
16 *established pursuant to Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section*
17 *11545) of Part 1, shall approve the expenditure of more than five*
18 *thousand dollars (\$5,000) by the board on or after January 1,*
19 *2010, with regard to any technology system that is utilized for the*
20 *review of applications in accordance with Section 13958.*
21 (c) *The board shall inform the office of the State Chief*
22 *Information Officer of any proposed changes to the technology*
23 *systems utilized to review applications in accordance with Section*
24 *13958. The office of the State Chief Information Officer may take*
25 *appropriate action, as necessary, to review and evaluate those*
26 *proposed changes.*

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